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## 2014 Announcements

- May 2, 2014 - **Are you a Medicare provider who was unable to successfully demonstrate meaningful use for 2013 due to circumstances beyond your control?** CMS is accepting applications for hardship exceptions to avoid the upcoming Medicare payment adjustment for the 2013 reporting year. Payment adjustments for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program will begin on January 1, 2015 for eligible professionals. However, you can avoid the adjustment by completing a hardship exception application and providing supporting documentation that proves demonstrating meaningful use would be a significant hardship for you. CMS will review applications to determine whether or not you are granted a hardship exception. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- April 22, 2014 - **Eligible Professionals: Hardship Exception Applications due July 1, 2014** - refer to the [CMS Payment Adjustments and Hardship Exceptions website](#) for more information.
- April 11, 2014 - **Payment Reassignment** - Read the [Payment Reassignment Process](#)
- **Mar. 20, 2014 - Please join the Kentucky REC and KHIE for a new series of Meaningful Use Survival Seminars.** This new series will be hosted at several different locations around Kentucky this spring and summer. Please see the [KREC Event Flyer 2014](#) for the details.
- **Mar. 7, 2014 - Attestation guidance for Stage 1 and Stage 2 is revised.** Please review the guidance documents for [Stage 1](#) and [Stage 2](#). The attestation guides outline the processes to be completed prior to submitting your attestation for the EHR Incentive Program. If you have any questions regarding these processes please contact your KHIE Outreach Coordinator.
- **Jan. 1, 2014 - Stage 2 Meaningful Use** - On Sept. 4, 2012, CMS published a final rule that specifies the State 2 criteria that eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals (EHs) and critical access hospitals (CAHs) must meet in order to continue to participate in the Medicaid EHR incentive program. All providers must achieve meaningful use under [Stage 1](#) criteria before moving to [Stage 2](#) meaningful use requirements or Stage 2 Timeline for EPs, EHs and CAHs.

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- **Dec. 10, 2013 - Learn How to Conduct a Security Risk Analysis for Your Practice.** What's required? CMS has a [tip sheet](#) that will help you understand:
  - Steps for conducting a security risk analysis
  - How to create an action plan
  - Security areas to be considered and their corresponding security measures
  - Myths and facts about conducting a security risk analysis
- **Nov. 7, 2013 - [Stage 2 Meaningful Use Public Health Measures - Connection to KHIE required](#).** During the Stage 2 meaningful use, ongoing electronic submission of data in all three core objective public health areas is required, **if** the respective KDPH programs are ready. The Stage 2 public health meaningful use objectives only can be met by electronic submission of messages through the Kentucky Health Information Network (KHIE). To begin the reporting process, providers/hospitals must sign a participation agreement with KHIE. The agreement can be obtained by contacting [KHIE](#).
- June 4, 2013 - [What's new for Stage 1 in 2013](#).
- April 11, 2013 - **Mandated Sequestration Payment Reductions Beginning for Medicare Electronic Health Record Incentive Program.** Incentive payments made through the Medicare EHR Incentive Program are subject to the mandatory reductions in federal spending known as sequestration, required by the Budget Control Act of 2011.
- **Incentive Payment Reduction** - The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 postponed sequestration for two months. As required by law, President Obama issued a sequestration order on March 1, 2013. Under these mandatory reductions, Medicare EHR incentive payments made to eligible professionals and eligible hospitals will be reduced by 2 percent.
- **Reduction Timing** - This 2 percent reduction will be applied to any Medicare EHR incentive payment for a reporting period that ends on or after April 1, 2013. If the final day of the reporting period occurs before April 1, 2013, those incentive payments will not be subject to the reduction. **Please note:** This reduction **does not apply to Medicaid EHR incentive payments**, which are exempt from the mandatory reductions.
- **The Kentucky REC and the Kentucky Health Information Exchange are proud to announce a series of Meaningful Use Survival Seminars coming to a location near you.** Please refer to the [KY REC KHIE Roadshow Brochure](#) for more information regarding

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the locations, dates, registration, meeting agenda, CME Credit Information and other important details.

- **Important Information for Hospitals Attesting to Meaningful Use.** Read [Hospital MU Attestation Information](#).

## 2012 Announcement

- **1,925 Providers In Kentucky Receive \$115,567,468 Under EHR Incentive Programs.** (June 19, 2012) - Read the [Kentucky EHR Incentive Program News Release](#).